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**Subject:** Newsapalooza for 6/1/16

All -- Good morning. Please see below for Wednesday's articles.

Several items of interest, including several fracking-related developments, but none appear to warrant Fred's attention.

Thanks in advance for considering and best wishes. ~~~ Jace

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## ScienceDaily

### Edible Beer Rings to Keep Marine Life Safe [Finally, a story we can all sink our teeth into.]

A small brewery in the United States is hoping to make a big impact on ocean pollution and conservation. The beer makers are developing biodegradable, edible packaging in an eco-friendly twist to protect marine life. Ben Gruber reports. Video provided by Reuters

### Hydraulic Fracturing Chemical Spills on Agricultural Land Need Scrutiny

June 1, 2016 — Hydraulic fracturing, a widely used method for extracting oil and gas from otherwise impenetrable shale and rock formations, involves not only underground injections composed mostly of water, but ... [read more](#)



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### TSCA Reform Bill Might Set New Limits On EPA's Regulation Of 'Articles'

Pending compromise legislation to overhaul the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) might set new limits on EPA's authority to regulate chemicals in "articles," or finished products, by requiring the agency to consider human or environmental exposure to substances before regulating -- which could pose a hurdle to controls on some chemicals.

#### EPA Advances Alternative Tox Testing But Lacks International Equivalence

EPA's latest efforts to replace acute animal toxicology tests with alternative toxicity methods when registering and re-registering pesticides for use in the United States is gaining general approval from industry and other stakeholders though sources say the agency could progress more quickly if it adopted an international chemical classification system.

**Related Story:** Stakeholders Back EPA Skin Test Waiver While Seeking More Alternatives

#### IG Report Prompts EPA Plan To Release Data On Biotech Crop Resistance

EPA plans to publicly release pesticide registrants' reporting on farmers' efforts to prevent the development of insect resistance in crops genetically engineered to resist corn rootworm, part of the agency's response to a critical Inspector General (IG) report that says the agency should do more to stem resistance to the valuable crops.



#### BNA Daily Environment Report

#### EU to Consider Extension of Glyphosate Approval

The European Commission today sought to sidestep difficulties in the European Union-level reauthorization of the widely used herbicide glyphosate by proposing an extension of the current approval until the European Chemicals Agency can assess whether the substance should be classified as carcinogenic.

Without an extension, the EU-level authorization for glyphosate will expire June 30, meaning that EU countries that have authorized use on their territory of products containing glyphosate would also have to withdraw those approvals

#### Maryland Is First State to Ban Neonicotinoids

A state ban on consumer use of neonicotinoid pesticides is slated to take effect Jan. 1, 2018, after Maryland Gov. Hogan announces that he will allow a bill to become law without his signature. The legislation, which includes exceptions for certified applicators, farmers and veterinarians, makes Maryland the first state to adopt such a ban on consumer use, according to a coalition of environmental organizations operating as Smart on Pesticides Maryland. The measure was prompted by concerns that neonicotinoid pesticides contribute to mortality of pollinators such as bees, birds and butterflies. [More](#)

#### Industry, States Defend Fracking Rule Injunction

A preliminary injunction that suspended federal regulations on hydraulic fracturing is based on a variety of good reasons and is likely to be a moot issue before an appeals court can decide on the legitimacy of the injunction, two industry groups tell the appeals court. The injunction is being appealed in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit while the case against the underlying rule from the Bureau of Land Management is being considered in the U.S. District Court for the District of Wyoming. [More »](#)

#### SUPERFUND: Arizona Senator Seeks Answers on Superfund Site

May 31 — Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.) has called on the Environmental Protection Agency to indicate when it will complete evaluating cleanup alternatives at a Superfund mine and smelter site in Arizona. The EPA had no immediate response May 31 to the senator when contacted by Bloomberg BNA. The request for an update concerning the Dewey-Humboldt Iron King Mine and Humboldt Smelter Superfund site came in a [letter](#) from McCain to EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy dated May 25 and released by the senator's office May 26.



#### Environment & Energy Daily

E&E Daily will **not** publish during the congressional recess. It returns Monday, June 6.

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**Greenwire**GreenwireEPA: 'Beale effect' persists as fraudster released from jail

U.S. EPA's notorious fake CIA agent has served his time in jail, but his crimes continue to affect the agency and its workers. John Beale is slated for release today after serving his 32-month sentence in federal custody, according to the Federal Bureau of Prisons website. The former senior agency air official admitted to stealing nearly \$900,000 in EPA salary and benefits while not working and even faking a case of malaria to get a prime parking spot at the agency.

Energy and Climate Report*Hydraulic Fracturing:*

- **Industry, States Defend Fracking Rule Injunction**

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- **Judge Again Tosses Suit Against Fracking Opponents**

A court in Pennsylvania has thrown out a lawsuit against environmental activists and township residents fighting to stop gas drilling in their township, ruling that the groups' actions against fracking amount to protected free speech (Dewey Homes v. Delaware Riverkeeper Network, Pa. Butler Co. C.P., No. 15-10393, Memorandum Opinion 5/25/16).

- **Sanders: Fracking Ban Should Be in Democratic Party Platform**

The Democratic Party platform should include a national hydraulic fracturing ban, Democratic presidential candidate Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.) said today in California.

**ClimateWire**Climatewire

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High blood pressure linked to short-, long-term exposure to some air pollutants

High blood pressure was associated with short-term and long-term exposure to some air pollutants commonly associated with the burning/combustion of fossil fuels, dust and dirt, a new study shows. Researchers suggest people -- especially those with high blood pressure -- limit their time outdoors when pollution levels are high.

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